

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 16, as follows:

The pharmaceutically acceptable chelating agent of the antimicrobial composition applied to the medical dressing of the present invention may be selected from ~~ethylenediaminetetracetic~~ ethylenediaminetetracetic acid (EDTA), triethylene tetramine dihydrochloride (TRIEN), ethylene glycol-bis (beta-aminoethyl ether)-N,N,N',N'-tetracetic acid (EGTA), diethylenetriamin-pentaacetic acid (DPTA), triethylenetetramine hexaacetic acid (TTG), deferoxamine, Dimercaprol, edetate calcium disodium, zinc citrate, penicilamine succimer and Editronate.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 23, as follows:

In one embodiment of the present invention, the pharmaceutically acceptable chelating agent is selected from ~~ethylenediaminetetracetic~~ ethylenediaminetetracetic acid (EDTA), triethylene tetramine dihydrochloride (TRIEN), ethylene glycol-bis (beta-aminoethyl ether)-N,N,N',N'-tetracetic acid (EGTA), diethylenetriamin-pentaacetic acid (DPTA), and triethylenetetramine hexaacetic acid (TTG).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 5, as follows:

In other embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable chelating agent may be ~~ethylenediaminetetracetic~~ ethylenediaminetetracetic acid (EDTA) or triethylene tetramine dihydrochloride (TRIEN).